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Chief Justice Appoints Two From Orange County Superior Court To The State's Judicial Council

Santa Ana— Chief Justice Ronald M. George announced today that he has appointed Judge Gail Andler and Chief Executive Officer Alan Slater both of the Superior Court of Orange County to serve on the Judicial Council of California. The 21-member council, established in 1926, is charged with improving statewide court administration by providing policy direction to the courts and providing recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

Judge Andler currently serves at the South Justice Center in Laguna Niguel and has been on the bench since 1994. Starting her legal career in public service, Judge Andler worked for both the Los Angeles County and Ventura County District Attorney's Office and served as special assistant to the chief trial counsel of the State Bar. She currently volunteers in a number of programs designed to reach out to at-risk children, such as the Crime and Consequences program, which she helped develop, and Peer Court, where she "holds court" for youthful offenders at high schools and students serve as jurors. In recognition of her service to the community and the judicial system, she was selected as the judicial honoree by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in 2000 and received the "Woman of Excellence" award from the Boy Scouts Learning for Life Program. She is a member of the Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee and Special Task Force on Court and Community Outreach.

Alan Slater (advisory member) has been the executive officer of the Superior Court of Orange County since 1981. From 1972 to 1980 he served as the court's assistant executive officer. Mr. Slater is presently a member of the Judicial Council's Court Technology Advisory Committee and is vice chair of the Court Executives Advisory

Committee. In addition, he has served on numerous other council committees, including the Court Profiles Advisory Committee, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Jury System Improvement, the Trial Court Funding Advisory Committee, and as co-chair of the ADR Function 6 Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Commission. In addition, he is co-chair of the Joint Technology Committee of the Conference of State Court Administrators and the National Association for Court Management.

Judge Andler and Alan Slater, along with six other new members of the council, will begin their three-year term on September 15, 2000.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the Chief Justice, the 21 members of the Judicial Council include 14 judges appointed by the Chief Justice (1 associate justice of the Supreme Court, 3 justices of the Courts of Appeal, and 10 trial court judges); 4 attorney members appointed by the State Bar Board of Governors; and 1 member from each house of the Legislature. The council also has 6 advisory members.



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